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REMARKS

In the Restriction Requirement mailed December 3, 2004, the Examiner is requiring an election between Claim Group I (i.e., Claims 1-13) and Claim Group II (i.e., Claims 14-17). By this paper, the Applicant is electing Claim Group I, i.e., Claims 1-13, and is withdrawing Claims 14-17. Further, the Examiner also indicated that there were multiple species in the application and is requesting the Applicant elect a single disclosed species for prosecution on the merits. By this paper, the Applicant is electing Species I with traverse, as illustrated in Figures 1, 1B, 2, 3A, 3B, 3C, 4A, 4B, 4C, 4C-1, 5A, 5B, 6, 7A and 7B. The Applicant believes that Claims 1 and 2 are generic with regards to both of the species and that Claims 4-13 are readable on Species I. By this paper, the Applicant believes that the above-captioned application is in condition for examination on the merits and requests the prompt examination of the same. Should there be any impediment to the prompt examination of this application on the merits that could be resolved by a telephone conference, the Examiner is respectfully requested to call the undersigned at the number shown below.

Please charge any additional fees, including any fees for additional extension of time, or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. 11-1410.

Respectfully submitted,

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